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SUBJ: GDR AND USSR TO SIGN NEW TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

1. SUMMARY. PRAVDA OCTOBER 7 ANNOUNCES THAT HONECKER WILL SIGN A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPRATION, AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION TODAY. THOUGH NEITHER THE PRAVDA REPORT NOR THE BREZHNEV AND HONECKER SPEECHES CARRIED IN THE PRESS OCTOBER 7 MAKE ANY DIRECTO REFERENCE TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT AS A GERMAN PEACE TREATY, WE ASSUME THAT THE TREATY WILL CONTAIN SOME REFERENCE, INDIRECT OR DIRECT, TO THE FINAL ACT IN THOSE TERMS IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE PROVISION OF THE 1964 TREATY WHICH CALLS FOR REVISION BEFORE THE END OF ITS 20-YEAR TERM OF VALIDITY ONLY IN CASE OF REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY OR SIGNATURE OF A GERMAN PEACE TREATY. OTHER ASPECTS
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OF THE BREZHNEV-HONECKER SPEECHES AND MEETINGS BEING

REPORTED SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRAVDA OCTOBER 7 REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR DELEGATION AND SOVIET LEADERSHIP STATES THAT "CONDITIONS HAVE RIPENED FOR RAISING THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE (USSR AND THE GDR) TO A NEW, HIGHER STAGE. WITH THAT AIM IN MIND IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE (USSR AND GDR)." BREZHNEV, IN HIS SPEECH AT THE KREMLIN RECEPTION FOR HONECKER, SAID THAT "THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS, THE IMMEASURABLY INCREASED LEVEL OF THEIR COOPERATION, AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION ALL INDUCE US TO RENEW OUR TREATY RELATIONS, CONCLUDE A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE... (IN SUCH A TREATY) THE INDESTRUCTIBLE ALLIANCE OF OUR PEOPLES WILL RECEIVE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, AND THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO FRATERNAL SOCIALIST STATES WILL BE DETERMINED FOR MANY YEARS INTO THE FUTURE... I WOULD SAY THAT THE PIVOTAL POINT (OF THE NEW TREATY) WILL BE A COURSE TOWARD A FURTHER DRAWING TOGETHER OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES."

3. WE NOTE THAT ARTICLE X OF THE 1964 TREATY STATES THAT IT WAS TO BE VALID FOR 20 YEARS, THOUGH IN THE EVENT OF THE CREATION OF A "UNITED, PEACE-LOVING, AND DEMOCRATIC GERMAN STATE" OR IN THE EVENT OF THE CONCLUSION OF A GERMAN PEACE TREATY, THE TREATY COULD BE REVISED EARLIER. THE PRAVDA REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 6 NEGOTIATIONS STATES IN THIS REGARD THAT "BOTH SIDES WERE OF ONE OPINION THAT THE CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI DREW UP THE POLITICAL SUM (PODVELO POLITICHESKY ITOG) OF WW II AND OPENED UP A NEW STAGE OF ACTION FOR THE STATES OF EUROPE..."

4. COMMENT. INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE TO US GIVES NO INDICATION OF HOW THE NEW TREATY WILL TREAT THE MATTER OF RESERVED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OR VOTING RIGHTS IN EAST BERLIN. WE WILL TRANSMIT OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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